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TO AMEMBASSY SANA
COMDT DLIEL LACKLAND AFB TX/ATEL-R-TEM -- -
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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM, YEMEN IMET

REF: (A) DLIEL MESSAGE R 161601Z DEC 76
(B) U.S. DAO SANA 290815Z DEC.

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SLOW RATE OF
PROGRESS OF YEMENI ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINEES AS DESCRIBED
REFTELS. WE APPRECIATE THAT MAJOR CAUSE OF PROBLEM IS
LACK OF ADEQUATE PREPARATION.

2. ABRUPT REFUSAL TO GRANT ECL WAIVERS WOULD IMMEDIATELY
DISRUPT THE CURRENT YARG MILITARY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
AND IS, THEREFORE, NOT AN OPTION OPEN TO US. ON THE OTHER
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HAND, FAILURE TO BRING THIS MATTER TO YEMENIS' ATTENTION
NOW IN CLEAR TERMS RISKS LONG-TERM BOTTLENECKS IN THE
PROGRAM.

3. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT EMBASSY SANA SHOULD
APPROACH THE YARG AT WHATEVER LEVEL DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND
EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT PERFORMANCE OF THEIR TRAINEES

POINTING OUT THAT IT WILL BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN WAIVERS FOR THEM. YARG SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THOUGH WE DO NOT INTEND TO JEOPARDIZE CURRENT PROGRESS IN

THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM BY REFUSING TO GRANT ANY ECL WAIVERS, NEITHER CAN WE ALLOW THE CURRENT SITUATION TO CONTINUE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT FOR YARG TO ESTABLISH QUICKLY ITS OWN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM. IMET FUNDS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. ALSO WE ARE DISINCLINED TO PROVIDE DLI LANGUAGE TRAINING DETACHMENT AND LAB UNDER FMS PROCEDURES.

4. IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR YEMENIS TO SECURE SERVICES COMMERCIALY OF PRIVATE US CONTRACTOR WHO WOULD PROVIDE IN-COUNTRY LANGUAGE TRAINING. IF YEMENIS UNABLE TO FUND SUCH A PROGRAM, THEY MIGHT REASONABLY ASK THE SAUDIS TO FUND IT OR ALTERNATIVELY TO ACCEPT YEMENIS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE FACILITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. THIS LATTER MAY IN LONG RUN BE MOST PRACTICAL OPTION, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF SAUDI VIEWS NOTED PARA 9 (B) REFTEL B.

5. FOR SANA: POINTS YOU RAISED IN PARA 11 REFTEL B WILL BE ADDRESSED VIA SEPTTEL.

6. THIS IS A JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE.
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